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When a boy becomes a young man he looks to other men for guidance and to figure out what type of man he wants to be. Grown men that he encounters or learns about further helps his decisions. When he finally becomes a man he will take on some of the traits that he learned from other men he's been influenced by. Those men that he has been influenced by could take him down the right path or down the wrong path making his persona either a contributor to society or a total failure.

When I started to seek people, what a better place to start than in a black history book. It seems that almost everyone knows about the *I Have A Dream* speech that helped the African-American movement, but Dr. Martin Luther King was more than that he was the perfect role model. By using Dr. King as a guide I will strive to make certain contributions to society. The first of these contributions is an improvement in the quality of education and I will do this by going to college to get a degree in education so I can become a teacher and further the education status of America. The second contribution I will make is to provide an education for those that would not usually receive a high caliber education. Education is very important to me and providing an education for African-Americans and other minorities is also very important. I even have a dream that everyone someday will be able to receive an equal opportunity for an equal education. The contributions that I make tomorrow will hopefully cancel out the inequality of today.